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**SS-7 MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
AT BRYANSK GUIDED MISSILE SUPPORT
EQUIPMENT PLANT 2, USSR**

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INSTALLATION OR ACTIVITY NAME SS-7 Missile Support Equipment at Bryansk Guided Missile Support Equipment Plant 2		COUNTRY UR
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MAP REFERENCE USATC, Series 200, Sheet 0167-18, scale 1:200,000		
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ABSTRACT

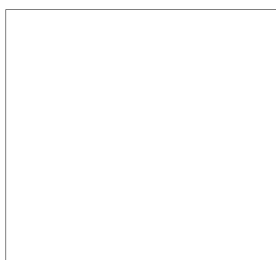
1. SS-7 missile support equipment (MSE) began appearing at Bryansk Guided Missile Support Equipment Plant 2 during the same time frame (February-August 1971) that unusual activity became evident at several of the SS-7 ICBM complexes. The similar timing of the events suggests a relationship between Plant 2 at Bryansk and the unusual activity at these SS-7 complexes.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

2. Bryansk Plant 2 may be involved with overhauling and/or retrofitting SS-7 missile support equipment. SS-7 missile transporters have appeared at the Bryansk Guided Missile Support Equipment Plant 2 since February 1971. During the period February through August 1971, unusual activity was occurring at several SS-7 ICBM launch sites and rail-to-road transfer points.¹ The movement of SS-7 equipment from the SS-7 launch sites and the appearance of SS-7 missile support equipment at the Bryansk plant during the same time frame suggest that the activity is related.

3. SS-7 transporters first appeared at Bryansk Plant 2 on February 1971 photograph. when two of the transporters were observed. [redacted] the total had increased to eight, and has remained at a level of between six and eight since that time. the following tabulation gives a breakdown of SS-7 transporters observed at Plant 2 since February 1971:

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Number of
SS-7 Transporters Observed

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4. Bryansk Plant 2 is located 200 nautical miles (nm) southwest of Moscow, approximately 225 nm west of the nearest SS-7 ICBM complex (Figure 1), and 175 nm east of the MRBM and IRBM launch sites concentrated in western USSR. Bryansk Road Machinery and Guided Missile Support Equipment Plant 1 is located 2.0 nm to the south of Plant 2.

5. Portions of Bryansk Plant 2 became operational in 1966 as a probable factory testing area for transporter/erector prototypes designed at Bryansk Plant 1. By mid-1969, Bryansk Plant 2 was apparently involved with overhauling/retrofitting SS-4 missile support equipment and/or training technical representatives and mechanics on the missile support equipment. The appearance of SS-5, SS-7, and SS-11 missile support equipment by February 1971

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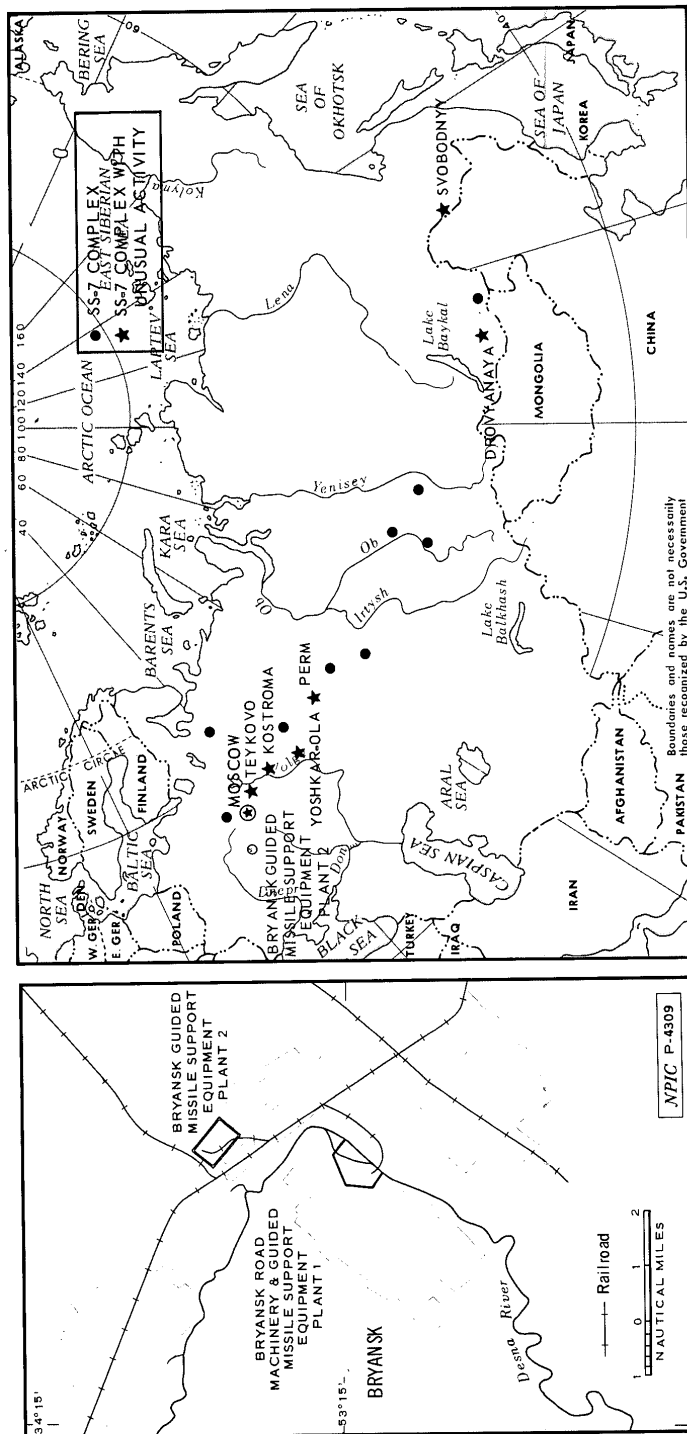


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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indicated an increase in the diversity of missile support equipment handled at the plant. The largest portion of the missile support equipment at Bryansk Plant 2 has been observed in a parking area, apparently ready for shipment from the plant. Figure 2 shows typical examples of missile support equipment observed in the parking area.

REFERENCES

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DOCUMENTS

1. NPIC. [redacted] PIR-029/72, Unusual Activity at SS-7 Launch Sites and Rail-to-Road Transfer Points, Jul 72

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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